

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending in this application. By this amendment, Applicant amends the drawings and claims 16 and 19.

Applicant greatly appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 3-6, 8-10, 13-15 and 21 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The drawings were objected to because Figs. 2, 4 and 5 were not designated as --PRIOR ART--. Applicant has amended Figs. 2, 4 and 5 to be properly designated as --PRIOR ART-- in the accompanying Request for Approval of Drawing Corrections. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection.

Claims 16 and 19 were objected to for containing informalities. Applicant has amended claims 16 and 19 as suggested by the Examiner to correct the informalities noted by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection.

Claims 1, 2, 11, 12, 16-20 and 22 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 9, 13, 14, 15 and 23 of copending Application No. 09/855,246. In addition, Claims 1, 2, 16 and 22 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 7 and 8 of copending Application No. 09/878,935. And Claims 1, 2, 7, 12, and 20 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 8 of copending Application No. 09/891,701.

Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer which the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term defined in 35 U.S.C. §§ 154 to 156 and 173, as shortened by any terminal disclaimer filed prior to the grant of commonly owned U.S. Patent Application Nos. 09/855,246, 09/878,935 and 09/891,701. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the double patenting rejection.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-22 are allowable over the prior art for the reasons described above.

In view of the foregoing Remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that this Application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are respectfully solicited.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions the Commissioner for a One-month extension of time, extending to February 21, 2003, the period for response to the Office Action dated October 21, 2002.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1353.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS SHOWING CHANGES MADE

16. A longitudinally coupled resonator-type surface acoustic wave filter comprising longitudinally coupled resonator-type surface acoustic wave filters according to Claim 1 arranged to define at least a two-stage [vertical] series connection.

19. A longitudinally coupled resonator-type surface acoustic wave filter according to Claim 1, wherein at least one series resonator and/or parallel resonator is connected to an input side and/or output side of the filter.
